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Applicants: Lou et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003 for one (1) month(s) from December 15, 2003 to January 15, 2004. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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